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## Indiana Department of Correction is First State Correctional Agency to Pilot Judgment Based Training

Pendleton, Indiana (November 12, 2008)—During the week of November 10, 2008, the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC), in cooperation with the Canadian Academy of Practical Shooting (CAPS), became the first state correctional agency to film and produce video scenarios for use in a simulated “live fire” judgmental training system.

The CAPS system uses audio and video simulated scenarios to create near real life “shoot, don’t shoot” situations, which allow trainees to deal with emergency situations they may encounter while in the correctional setting. Trainees are expected to react to the emergency by determining and applying the level of force, including deadly force, necessary to resolve the situation. As a result of the training, IDOC staff will develop an improved reaction time and precision of accuracy, while articulating their decision-making process.



Crews prepare to film the training scenarios at Pendleton Correctional Facility.

The scenarios were filmed at the Pendleton Correctional Facility, Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility, Correctional Industrial Facility, New Castle Correctional Facility, and Parole District #7 office in New Castle. Once all of the scenarios are filmed and production is completed, the IDOC will integrate the CAPS system into all IDOC correctional facilities’ training exercises state-wide. The scenarios will also be distributed nationwide.



IDOC staff members participate in the training exercises.

“I am excited that the IDOC participated in this pilot project. This unique and innovative training will be very beneficial to IDOC staff to help improve their judgment and decision-making during difficult emergency situations. In addition to enhancing public safety, this system saves taxpayer dollars as it streamlines training hours and ammunition costs normally associated with live fire ranges,” said IDOC Commissioner Edwin G. Buss.

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